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Mr. Richard F. Timmons
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Dear Mr. Timmons:

Please reference your letter concerning railroad service demands during the fall of 2006. The Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis believes it is in a strong position to handle peak railroad demand this fall. In addition to handling traffic levels never before seen, the TRRA is undertaking capital improvements designed to handle an additional increase in traffic volumes of 12-15%. For the most part our customers are also our owners and they are aware of our plans to handle their traffic expeditiously this fall.

If you have any questions, or require any further assistance, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Kerry T. Paubel